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DETERMINATION OF  
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CONDITIONS FOR  
TRANSVERSE DISTORTION  
MAPPING**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on Page 2 of this document.

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